

REMARKS

Claims 8-13 and 17-22 are currently pending in this application as amended. Claims 8 and 18 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicant regards as his invention. Support for the amendments to claim 8 and 18 may be found, for example, in the original Specification at page 4, lines 20-30, page 5, lines 1-2, and in the original drawings. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Request for Telephone Interview Prior to Formal Action on Amendment

Applicants respectfully request a telephone interview with the Examiner prior to formal action on this response. An "Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form" accompanies this response. Please contact Applicants' undersigned representative to schedule the interview.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 8-11, 13, and 17-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0060270 ("Binkley"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the rejection of claims 8-11, 13, and 17-22 be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

Claim 8, as amended, is directed to a flatscreen touchscreen table-top amusement device and recites, *inter alia*,

the rear-mounted support stand configured to receive and support the display housing, the rear mounted support stand configured to receive a revenue system, the rear mounted support stand and revenue system being generally aligned about a middle of the display housing, at least a portion of the revenue system being located behind the display housing between the top edge and the bottom edge of the display housing.

[Emphasis added]

Claim 18, as amended, is similarly directed to a flatscreen touchscreen table-top amusement device and recites, *inter alia*,

the rear-mounted support stand configured to receive and support the display housing, the rear-mounted support stand including a coin acceptor having a coin acceptance slot located in a top front facing section of the rear-mounted support stand above a

top edge of the display housing and a paper currency acceptor having a paper currency acceptance slot located in a bottom front facing section of the rear-mounted support stand below the bottom edge of the display housing, at least a portion of the coin acceptor being located behind the display housing between the top edge and the bottom edge of the display housing.

[Emphasis added]

Binkley fails to teach, suggest, or disclose locating at least a portion of a revenue system behind and between a top edge and a bottom edge of a display housing of the amusement device.

Referring to Figs. 5-6, Binkley discloses a gaming terminal 10" having a monitor 16" resting on a support surface 21" of an upper portion 12U" of a base 12". A support arm 22" with lateral protruding members 22a", 22b" are received in arcuate recesses 23a", 23b" in the upper portion 12U" for moving the monitor 16" to a desired position relative to the base 12". See paragraph [0040]. A middle portion 12M" of the base 12", located completely below the monitor 16", includes a card reader 15 and payment apparatus 122". See paragraph [0037].

The present application describes a table-top touchscreen amusement device having a rear-mounted support stand receiving and supporting a display housing. The rear-mounted support stand includes a revenue system. At least a portion of the revenue system is located behind the display housing between the top edge and the bottom edge of the display housing. For example, Figs. 3 and 4 show a coin box 22b as part of a coin acceptor 22, the coin box 22b being entirely located directly behind the display housing 16 and between the top edge and the bottom edge of the display housing. This orientation is particularly suited for bar or table-top amusement devices because the overall height of the device is thereby reduced, allowing a user to see over the device as necessary. In addition, the width of the device is also reduced.

In contrast, the card reader 15 and payment apparatus 122" (such as a coin acceptor) of Binkley are explicitly mounted completely below the monitor 16". See paragraph [0037]. If the card reader 15 and the payment apparatus 122" are located completely below the monitor 16", these components necessarily cannot be located between a top edge and bottom edge of the monitor 16". The Binkley design does not result in the height savings generated by the orientation of the components of the present application. By locating at least a portion of the revenue system behind the display housing between the top and bottom edges, excess height

above or below the display housing is unnecessary. As can be seen in Figs. 5 and 6 in Binkley, no portion of either the card reader 15 or the payment apparatus 122" is between the top and bottom edges of the monitor 16", and so the gaming terminal 10" has an unnecessarily large vertical footprint. Binkley therefore does not teach, suggest, or disclose locating at least a portion of a revenue system behind a display housing between the top edge and bottom edge of the display housing.

Additionally, it would not be possible for a portion of the card reader 15 or payment apparatus 122" in Binkley to be located behind and between the top and bottom edges of the monitor 16" because the relocation would interfere with the recesses 23a", 23b", which are behind and between the top and bottom edges of the monitor 16". By interfering with the recesses 23a", 23b", adjustability of the monitor 16" is unduly limited. The object of Binkley is to provide a gaming terminal with adjustable components so that a gamer may play a game in a comfortable position, "which may significantly increase the duration of time a gamer will remain at that gaming terminal." See paragraphs [0002], [0008], [0026]. By moving a portion of a revenue system behind and between the top and bottom edges of the monitor 16", the object of Binkley is eviscerated, rendering Binkley unworkable for its intended use. M.P.E.P. §§ 2143.01(V), 2145(III).

Accordingly, because Binkley does not and could not include at least a portion of a revenue system located behind a display housing between the top edge and the bottom edge of the display housing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of independent claims 8 and 18 be withdrawn.

Claims 9-11, 13, 19, and 21 are dependent upon claim 8. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 9-11, 13, 19, and 22 based upon anticipation by Binkley be withdrawn due to at least their dependence on claim 8.

Claims 20 and 22 are dependent upon claim 18. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 20 and 22 based upon anticipation by Binkley be withdrawn due to at least their dependence on claim 18.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Binkley. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests that the rejection of claim 12 be withdrawn for at least the following reasons.

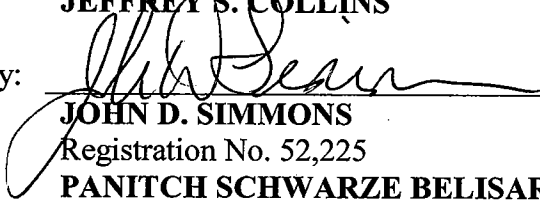
Claim 12 is dependent upon claim 8. As described above, Binkley fails to teach, suggest, or disclose at least one element of claim 8, namely, locating at least a portion of a revenue system behind a display housing between the a top edge and a bottom edge of the display housing. The Examiner's rejection does not cite any other reference, and therefore the deficiency of Binkley as a prior art reference is not ameliorated. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 12 based upon obviousness by Binkley be withdrawn due to at least its dependence on claim 8.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application including claims 8-13 and 17-22, is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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